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Selection of Kannada Text-books

*2058 Q.—SRI K. ISHWARA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) what is the procedure now adopted by the Government to publish Kannada Text-book for S.S.L.C. Examination and to prescribe non-detailed texts;

(b) who constitutes the Advisory Committee for Selection of Kannada Text-books and who the Editor is;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of this Committee for the last two years was a person who had no academic qualifications in Kannada language at all; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Editor of Kannada Text-book for S.S.L.C. Examination for the last two years was a Hindi Lecturer?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(a) The text-book for detailed study in Kannada is published by the University of Madras. Text-books for non-detailed study in Kannada are prescribed by the Commissioner for Government Examinations, Madras, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.

"(b) to (d) The information required by the hon. Member is strictly confidential and therefore cannot be divulged."

Installation of radio sets in Tiruturaipundi Block ***Development area***

*2059 Q.—SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any amount was paid as advance to the Firka Development Officer, Tiruturaipundi, by the villagers in the Tiruturaipundi Taluk Block Development area for the supply and installation of radio sets in their villages during the year 1954;

(b) if so, for how many radio sets the advances were made; and

(c) how many sets have been installed so far?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"(a) No amount was paid by the villagers as advance but contributions were paid by panchayat boards for supply and installation of radio sets.

"(b) As already stated in answer to clause (a), no advances were made but contributions from panchayat boards were received for seven radio sets in 1954.

"(c) Twelve sets have been installed so far, i.e., 4 in 1953, 6 in 1954 and 2 in 1955."